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For. **METHOD FOR REUSING RESOURCE FOR DESIGNING OPERATIONAL AMPLIFIER, LAYOUT GENERATING APPARATUS, AND LAYOUT GENERATING PROGRAM**

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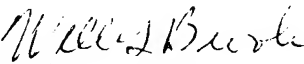
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